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EDITORIAL: My thanks to Mary Robinson for once more taking over my duties last month, and my thanks to everyone for their good wishes. The young man in question is doing well!

Deddington News staff would like to thank the Support Group for their hard work in fund-raising last month which brought in £94.50, and our thanks in turn to all those who donated.

This month we have taken our cover from the Ordnance Survey map of Deddington High Street to show where the County Council propose putting new street lights. For those who are sufficiently interested, if this month's Parish Council Notes particularly relating to street lighting, and Mary Robinson's comprehensive notes reported last month, are all carefully read I would hope to see as a result a lively and interesting Annual Parish Meeting. If anyone is still in doubt, the meeting is to be held on Wednesday the 28th May in the Town Hall, and this is the electorate's annual chance to speak directly to the Parish Council. It is unfortunate that the meeting comes in half-term week when many people will be away, and even more unfortunate that the meeting is timed for 6.30 p.m. However as a newcomer who am I to wish to change something which has always been held at that time.

CORRESPONDENCE

The inhabitants of Deddington and Hempton will be grateful to Mr. Washington and marvel at his public-spirited vision in planting the trees on the Hempton Road for generations after we are all dead.

It is therefore difficult to believe that his letter about our excellent Parish Council was written by the same man.

Lilian von Versen, Victoria House, Deddington.

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May	3rd	Deddington Reserves v. Hethe Reserves
	3rd	Guides Pet Show. 2 p.m Scout Hut
	4th	Hempton Church Service 9.00 a.m
	7th	Deddington Ladies Cheese & Wine
	8th	Playgroup - Pre-Reading Skills. 7.30 p.m.
	8th	Mothers Union Ploughman's Lunch 12.45 p.m. Holly Tree Club
	10th	Playgroup - Sponsored Trike Ride 11p.m - 12 noon
	10th	Hempton Residents' Jumble Sale 2 p.m. Church Room
	10th	Banbury Choral Society - Deddington Church.
	11th	Holy Communion Parish Church 8.00 a.m.
	12th	Warriner P.T.A. Inter-School quiz
	13th	W.I. Meeting - Holly Tree Club
	15th	Playgroup - Mrs. Frost, Health Visitor
	15th	Holy Communion, Parish Church 8.00 a.m.
	16th	Parochial Church Council Meeting 8.00 p.m.
	17th	Deddington Reserves v. Hethe Reserves
	18th	Hempton Church Service 9.00 a.m.
	20th	Mothers' Union Garden Party 2.15 p.m. Maunds Farmhouse
	22nd	Playgroup - Glue Workshop 7.30 p.m.
	23rd	Deddington Town F.C. Dance and Presentation
	24th	Deddington Ladies Disco - British Legion Club 6 - 10-30 p.m. 5-16 year olds.
	25th	Holy Communion, Parish Church 8.00 a.m.
	26-31st	Brownies and Guides Job Week
	28th	Annual Parish Meeting 6.30 p.m. Town Hall
	30th	Copy date - Deddington News
June	7th	Hempton Residents trip to Windsor
	11th	Deddington Ladies outing to Sturdy's Castle
	14th	Primary School Fete
	21st	Playgroup Market Stall 10.00 a.m.
	28th	Scouts Outing to Aldershot
	28th	Warriner Summer Fete
July	5th	Primary School P.T.A. Barn Dance, Barford.

HOLLY TREE CLUB

In March we went to the new Supermarket at Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire. It was a lovely ride, and undercover when we got there out of the cold wind. We found it very large and very American, with its electric doors and ornamental surroundings. We read the map at the entrance, but it was impossible to see it all in an afternoon. Our feet ached, walking the many wide paths. I noticed the complete absence of litter.

We had tea in Woolworths, where Eddie and his camera were hiding behind a tall pillar. The girl clearing the tables asked if he was the "Press". On being told of his promotion to Fleet Street, he said "Are you sure she did not say 'the Pest'? Well, that's a matter of opinion - we can never escape him.

It is a grand Shopping Centre set in beautiful countryside. I don't wonder that Cleo Laine and Johnny Dankworth have made their home there. We are going again for our Christmas shopping at the end of the year

Florence Anderson

CORRESPONDENCE

Although heavy sarcasm is often used as a substitute for genuine wit, I personally could hope, in a way, that the irate Mr. Washington could have his wish.

In 99 years time, it is probable that my Traffic Warden's hat would show signs of wear, but under that shabby badge of office I would have gone into the records as the oldest man ever to have lived but, please - please, Mr. Washington - not Timbuctoo!! Can't you make it the Seychelles or perhaps Bermuda which, besides giving us the sea to splash about in, would be even further away?

If my information is correct, there are no hula-hula girls in Timbuctoo - only miles and miles of sand perfectly useless for sandcastles and would therefore become totally boring after the first 50 years, especially when we might not pass our camel driver's test, and I do detest sand in my shoes when walking

"Mr. Lewis"

One does not need the boorish bad manners native to that revered old Deddingtonian D.C. Washington to correct him on a gross mis-statement of fact. Woodstock's street lighting was not, as he says it was, financed by private subscription. The cost, in 1974 some £3,000, was met from the funds of the former Woodstock Borough Council shortly before it became defunct in the local government restructuring of that year.

Nor is there any need for anyone to dip into their personal funds to save Deddington from the kind of horrid glow that broods nightly over Adderbury. Deddington's street lighting will be financed from public moneys even if its people should decide for one of the more civilized systems available.

Geoffrey Hindley

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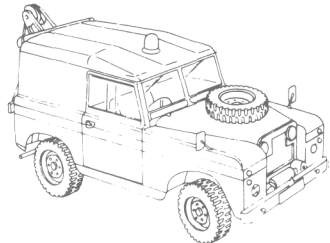
It is in May and June that these young trees are under greatest strain. They are expanding their leaves and at the same time setting their leaf buds for next year, 1981.

If there are any difficulties, let me know please.

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First of all I'd like to day thank you to everyone who gave a 'Job' to the Cubs and Scouts during our Scout Job Week. It seems that most of the boys avoided the leaders during the week. (Could it be that they think we've suffered enough?) I had several hard working boys at my house, polishing shoes with half a tin of polish for one pair of shoes - still it was all for a good cause - thanks again. At this point I should say that we are sending another party of scouts round to rectify all the jobs

Our little Ol' Green Goddess is going well; it took a party of leaders with patrol leaders and assistant P.L's down to Dorset to see our camp site, for our Annual Camp at Whitsun. We visited three sites and decided that the third was the best - it wasn't only because it was the cheapest and nearest to a pub. We hope to have a busy and interesting camp with survival training (just in case), hikes, abseiling and beachcombing with the odd visit to a tank museum thrown in.

Another reminder is for the Army Open Day at Aldershot on Saturday 28th June. If anyone is interested in going (you don't have to be a scout or cub to go) the cost will be about £1.50 for an enjoyable day out. Please see any scout leader. Make your mind up soon because if there is insufficient interest it will not be worth taking a coach and we'll just take some boys in our bus.

Congratulations to Warren Kermode for getting his swimmer's badge and to Lee Hall for his model maker's.

On April 20th the Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Rangers went to St. Mary's Church, Banbury, for the St. George's Day Parade. My thanks to all the Scouts who braved the cold to attend, and to the Guides with all their extra layers. Also a big "thank you" to Ron Smith of Smith's Coaches who managed to squeeze one or two extra people into the coach for the journey. Next time we hire one I'll work out the numbers better.

One last comment - an advert for the Guides - don't forget their Pet Show with plenty of competitions at 2 p.m on Saturday 3rd May at the Scout Hut, Windmill School.

Alan Rampley

HEMPTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

After our recent Social Evening the next event on our calendar is the Annual Jumble Sale.

Actually, as those who have been before will know, it's more than just jumble, with cakes, plants, home-made jam and sweets etc. included in the sale, which will take place in the Church Room, Hempton - and also outside if the weather is kind - at 2 p.m. on Saturday 10th May. Come and collect your bargains before the Kick Off!

We are also planning an all day coach trip to Windsor, with a chance to visit the Castle, go for a river trip or visit the Safari Park nearby on Saturday 7th June. For further details please contact Richard or Sarah Foulkes on Deddington 38467.

John Webber

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

League News: With only one league game left the chances of us winning or even being runners up are very slim. Our reserves by finishing third in the Jersey League only just missed promotion, so both teams have been so close but so far away from glory.

Cup News:

May 3rd - Deddington Reserves will play Hethe Reserves in the Mann Cup Final.
May 7th - Deddington 1st Team play the final of the Coronation Cup at Banbury Stadium. Opponents will be either Hook Norton or Enstone. This Cup is one of the most coveted in the district. Last year we were runners up to Enstone and the year before we won this Cup by beating Bodicote at the stadium.
May 17th - Deddington Reserves play Heathe Reserves in the extra supplementary Cup Final. Venue not known at this date.
Tysoe Cup - Deddington 1st team will play Adderbury in the Final. Venue not known as yet, nor date, but possibly May 10th.

All Cup Finals are night matches. Times and venues will be posted in Hayward's shop window as soon as they are known. Your support would be welcomed.

Dance and Presentation Night: This will be held on Friday May 23rd at the British Legion Club (Bottom Room). Dancing will be to Mobytex Disco and tickets are on sale now at £2.00 including buffet (see advert in this copy of the News). At this Disco the annual awards will be made and it is hoped that the above Cups will be on display. We hope you will be able to attend and support Deddington's oldest organisation. By tracing back in newspapers, leagues, etc. we have found that we shall celebrate our centenary in 1987.

Rodney Hayward

BROWNIE NEWS

I forgot to write our news for the March issue so there is a bit more this month.

Mrs. Burden, representing the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, visited us in March and we were able to give her seven large plastic bags full of tinfoil saved by the Pack over the last two years. We filled her car and emptied my cellar, pleasing everybody! We have also completed a large knee blanket made of squares knitted by the Brownies, but now we are not sure to whom to give it. If anybody knows somebody who would be glad of it, do let me know. The grand total of pennies collected in Smartie tubes was £13.93 which has been sent to the Girl Guide Thinking Day Fund to help less fortunate Guides and Brownies. Well done everybody in the Pack. Every single Brownie contributed and it was a splendid effort.

We gave our new Brownie flag its first outing at the St. George's Day Parade in Banbury when once again we had a good turn-out of Brownies from our own Pack. Carol Nicholls and I do appreciate the support of our Brownie parents and thank you for sending your children smartly dressed. Tina Onions has joined the Guides and we welcome Elaine Hayward in her place. Melanie Osborn has also joined us from 1st Fulmer Pack.

At the end of May during half-term, the Brownies and Guides will be earning money during Job Week. The Brownies will only call at your house with their parents' permission and I hope that should you give them anything to do they will make a good job of it.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

NOTES ON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23RD APRIL

Present: Chairman - Donald Welford, Clerk - Lewis Foreman, M. Spencer, R. Stevens R. Hayward, Mrs. J. Cheeseman, N. Drake, D. Ward, K. Garrett, Mrs. M. Robinson, R. Gardner.

The Clerk informed Councillors of his new address - 1 Mackley Close. Telephone number is before.

Lighting Mrs. Cheeseman reported that a light on The Deedings has not operated properly since the S.E.B carried out maintenance. The S.E.B were to be asked to look into this.

Hudson Street: A letter was read from the Oxfordshire C.C. stating that this was a low priority and that no action was proposed at this stage. Mr. Drake felt that the matter should be followed through, as a major traffic scheme was not being proposed. Mr. Drake was authorised to arrange a meeting between O.C.C and interested Councillors to discuss the matter on site.

Castle Grounds: A letter had been received from Cherwell D.C asking the Parish Council to contact Mr. Woodall regarding the tarmacing of the ground beneath the Ocean Wave to obtain an estimate.

Mr. Gardner raised the question of ownership of a boundary wall at Castle Grounds by the iron entrance gates, part of which had been damaged by tree felling operations. It was agreed to write to Messrs. Cluttons regarding this.

Football Club: Deddington Football Club had written to the P.C regarding the proposed increase in rent from £5 to £75 p.a. They were not prepared to pay the full increase as they felt this was rather exorbitant. They were however prepared to pay £35. A proposal of £50 was defeated, Councillors being in favour of asking for £35, with an increase next year. The Clerk to write and inform the Club.

Windmill Site: Mr. Bond reported that two Planning Applications made to the Cherwell D.C. had been approved, subject to the following conditions:-

Application A. Outline Permission for new hall. Granted, subject to:-

1. Provision of adequate car parking.
2. Adequate sound insulation for proposed new building.

Neither of these conditions would present any problem.

Application B. Change of Use of existing buildings. Granted, subject to following conditions:-

1. Buildings to be erected in accordance with Planning Permission.
2. Work to be commenced within five years of date of Permission.
3. Access to Hempton Road to be constructed to C.D.C approval before buildings put into use.
4. Buildings not to be used later than 11 p.m on any day except Friday or Saturday.
5. Buildings not to be used later than 12 midnight on Friday or Saturday.
6. Windows on the north aspect of section to be used as Social Club to be bricked up before being brought into use.
7. Amplification equipment not to be used on site or in existing buildings.
8. New work to be carried out in materials to match existing.
9. During first available planting season northern boundary to be planted in accordance with agreed scheme with C.D.C.

Councillors felt that conditions 4, 5 and 7 were too restrictive in that the proposed buildings could not be used for dances etc. Mr. Bond was instructed to contact the C.D.C in order to discuss these conditions. No further costings would be undertaken on the projects until these talks had taken place.

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Street Lighting High St./New St: Mr. Stephens, an Assistant Street Lighting Engineer with Oxfordshire County Council, attended to present their proposal.

The scheme at present with the Department of Transport is for steel lighting columns with 2m outreach arms and 90w low pressure sodium (orange) lamps. These would be 8m high and spaced at regular 35m intervals. £13,000 is the estimated cost.

The lighting provided at Woodstock and Burford (wall mounted lights and columns against houses) was justified as they are Conservation Areas. Deddington is not a Conservation Area so the appearance of the scheme is not considered to be so important.

Several Councillors questioned Mr. Stephens. Douglas Ward asked if the P.C could contribute towards the cost and if so, would it affect the choice of scheme. Mr. Stephens thought the Department of Transport might accept an offer, particularly on the installation costs. He was unable to say what the cost might be for an alternative scheme. Mary Robinson asked if any of the columns could be sited back into houses, and to leave the main road uncluttered by steel poles. In the C.C's view, however, they should be sited midway between the highway and houses to give a uniform spread of light. The spacing of the poles and the outreach of the lights would give a high level of illumination throughout the night. All the houses on the main road would be highlighted and the brightness would be such that one could read by it alone. Mr. Stephens did agree to look again at the possibility of having some wall mounted lights. What is not open to consultation, however, is the precise positioning of each individual column.

On the question of the colour of the light source, several Councillors made it clear that the warmer pink/gold light would be more acceptable than orange, and Mr. Stephens agreed to build this into his proposal.

Monty Spencer was in favour of accepting the proposal as it stands since this is the one most likely to be acceptable to the Department of Transport on cost effective grounds. O.C.C cannot force their scheme on to Deddington, as the P.C is the lighting authority. But unless a scheme is agreed soon it will be very difficult for the P.C to come back at a later date and say they want it. If a scheme was agreed it could possibly be started at the end of the year.

As far as the building of the M.40 is concerned, this in no way affects the decision to light the main road. The scheme would pay for itself within three years and even with the M.40 lighting is still thought to be necessary as, in the O.C.C's view, the A.423 will continue to be a trunk road.

The County Council lighting engineers are now in the process of drawing up a more detailed scheme for the P.C's consideration.

Shop Signs in High & New St: It was reported that a meeting had taken place with the tradespeople concerned. They fully understood the position and the C.D.C's requirements for authorised signs.

Litter: Mr. Stevens reported that litter was being dumped in the lane leading to the Mill. It seems that several years ago there was a sign stating the penalties for dumping litter at the top of the lane and Mr. Stevens wants to see this replaced. It was agreed to write to C.D.C asking for this to be done.

A number of Planning Applications were considered.

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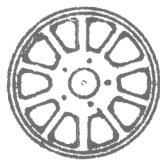
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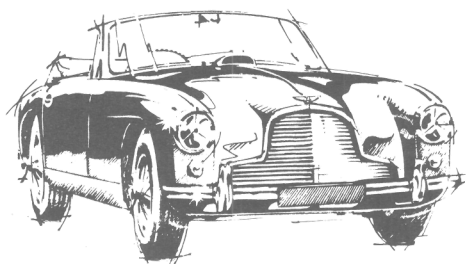


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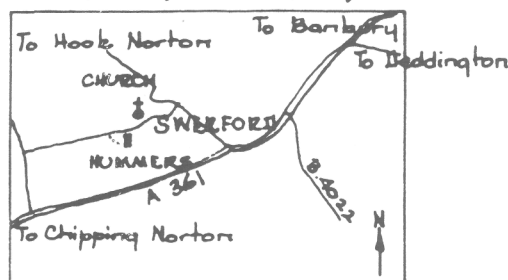
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CHURCH NEWS

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25th May is Whit Sunday. Thursday 15th May is Ascension Day. 8.00 p.m.
Holy Communion is sung, with choir.

Hempton Church services are at 9.00 a.m on Sunday mornings, 4th and 18th May.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Friday, 16th May at 8.00 p.m. at the School. The special purpose is to discuss the North Aisle Project (N.A.P) We shall be glad of all comments on this idea. We prefer to hear these now, before we make any decisions, rather than afterwards, when it is too late.

The object is to make the best use of the North Aisle by dividing it from the rest of the Church. It can then be used as a separate room or rooms for different purposes. Anyone who says simply "No. We cannot alter the present look of the Church ever" must realise two things. First, the Church has been altered time and time again in the past. Are we really meant to leave it as it is, even if it is of little use as it is? Second how do we do the things we want to do, if we cannot use the North Aisle for them How do we provide space for children, equipment for teaching, a space for worship smaller than the whole church, toilets, kitchen and anything else? For the most part we are not facing these sorts of questions. The N.A.P represents an attempt to solve them.

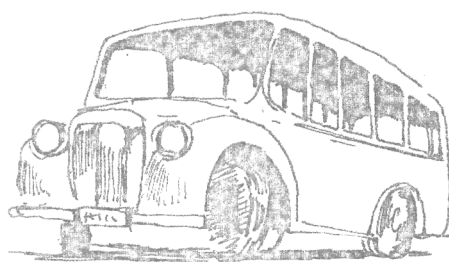
A NOTE ON THE PARISH

Just what is a parish? It is in essence a township, village or group of villages with its own church and clergyman. (Outside this church meaning, it has come to mean the smallest division of local government, with an elected Council and some small powers of levying rates to raise money for local public purposes such as street lighting.) There may be several hamlets or villages in a parish, but there is only one parish church. Hempton is a community with a church, but not a parish church. Clifton Church was never a parish church.

Two points follow from this:

1. We all belong to a parish, for the whole of England is divided into parishes. You may live five or ten miles from your parish church, but that is still your parish church. You may live five or ten miles from your vicar but he is still your vicar. Consequently, you are often asked to support your church and your vicar, expensive though these creatures are.
2. The parish is essentially a small community. We must not be so concerned with parish loyalties that we forget how we belong to larger groups. There is nowadays very little district or county loyalty. There was much more county feeling when there were county regiments with their men actually drawn from the respective counties. All the same, we have some county obligations like the education service, some national duties, as well as parish loyalties. We must hold these in balance.

Richard Hannah



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Doorstep Course: Unfortunately there were a couple of misprints in the April edition and the following are the correct dates for the course:-

April 24th and May 1st - taken place
May 8th - Vera Bishop talking on Pre-Reading Skills
May 15th - Mrs. Frost, Health Visitor
May 22nd - Glue Workshop

These sessions will be held at the Playgroup Hut at 7.30 p.m. each Thursday evening. Admittance is free and is open to everyone. The meetings will be very informal and should prove enjoyable and very interesting to all age groups. Please bring along your friends, grandparents - in fact some older children may find it beneficial. The Playgroup is merely running the course - you need have no connection whatsoever with it to come along.

Future Events

Market Stall: Saturday, June 21st to be held in the Market Place from 10.00 a.m. This will include cakes, produce, stalls. Donations to any Committee member or to the Playgroup. Should delivery be difficult please ring Deddington 38551 and I will collect.

Sponsored Trike Ride: Open to all children from 3-5 years. This will be held in the School Playground on Saturday May 10th. 3-4 year olds 11 a.m. 4-5 year olds 11.30 p.m. The circuit will be roped off and children will complete as many circuits as possible in half an hour. Children must provide their own trikes. Sponsor forms are available from Mrs. Powell at the Playgroup or from myself (telephone Deddington 38551). This will be an officially supervised ride and anyone interested is invited to watch should they so wish. Please enter your own child or sponsor another child - I'm sure they'll enjoy competing.

A big thank-you to all mums and residents of Deddington and surrounding areas for your donations and help given at our recent Market Stall. We raised a grand total of £68. Let us hope our next Market Stall will be as enjoyable and profitable.

Rowena Maskery

DEDDINGTON RANGER GUIDES

On 1st April we joined Deddington Guides when Jackie Brain, Judith Humphries and Liz Gregory were invested. We thank the Guides for their hospitality and support as this was our first ceremony. Helen Drake was invested during the Easter holidays and she joined Liz Gregory in representing the Unit at the St. George's Day Parade.

They have all practised putting up tents; using lightweight cookers; planned meals and equipment for their Base 1 Camp on 25th/27th April. On their return they should be able to show me how to run a Ranger Camp.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Guides Pet Show, where we will be having a stall.

Please support us as we are not only trying to raise money for our Units but we are endeavouring to provide something that villagers of all ages can join in.

Jackie Stammers.

WARRINER SCHOOL

Sponsored Run: This was to raise money for the mini bus from which the P.T.A. hoped to get £1,500 (reported in last month's Deddington News). Actually, £1,810 was raised. This was a splendid effort - well done children and parents. The P.T.A. will be writing a cheque for £3,800 and the balance of £2,000 will be provided by a low interest loan (instead of £2,500 as previously stated) leaving a £400 balance in P.T.A. Funds. Financial details are being sent to parents by the School.

A Jumble Sale is being held on April 26th at the Ex-Servicemens Club in Bloxham. The School held an Open Day on the evening of St. George's Day, April 23rd.

The Warriner team for the Inter-School P.T.A. Quiz, to be held on Monday, 12th May in the School Lecture Hall, will be Mr. J. Curtis (Staff), Mrs Jean Burford (P.T.A. Committee) and Mrs. Jeanette Burdon (parent).

Summer Fete 28th June: Among ideas being considered for this event is an "It's a Knockout" competition involving teams of parents and children. Any suggestions will be welcome before May 19th.

Waste Paper: Parents and supporters please note that the School is still grateful for old newspapers.

The French Exchanges: Mrs. Smith, the member of staff who organised the recent visit of French children and will be taking the British party to Cahors in July, was congratulated at the P.T.A. meeting on April 17th. The visit was not without its problems, but it was generally agreed that the value of such exchanges is considerable. Judging by the damp faces as the coach left the School to return to France a lot of new friends had been made.

John Burdon

NATURE NOTES

I saw my first swallow of the year in the middle of April. It is always a thrill to see these birds return to Britain from Africa, and to know that they will return, most likely, to the same nesting site year after year. How many of our summer visitors manage to find their way back to the same locality after wintering in Southern and Central Africa is a puzzle that scientists have not solved. Often the young birds travel by themselves after the parent birds have left, so they are not shown the way by their elders. Is it memory? On Easter Monday I wanted to hear the Chiff Chaff, which I knew must be back by then. So I went back to one of my old haunts near Shenington to a tree where I knew I could always find it, and, sure enough, there he was, singing away to attract a mate and mark out his territory after his long flight.

A few butterflies are on the wing already. The odd small tortoiseshell and brimstone, having hibernated through the winter are enjoying the spring flowers on sunny days. Now is the time to plant and sow flowers for the summer and if you want to encourage butterflies and moths remember to plant old fashioned flowers with scent and nectar. You may have to forgo size and colour that modern plants are bred for, but you will be rewarded with the pleasure of these lovely creatures.

Pat Hannah

Ambridge comes to Deddington Our April meeting was held on Thursday the 8th at the Holly Tree Club. We are getting used to having a full house these days, but on this occasion we were almost overflowing with 30 members and quite a number of visitors, and we were delighted to see such a crowd.

Our new President, Mrs. Riley, took the chair and after the business part of the evening we were able to welcome Mrs. Mollie Harris. Mrs. Harris is the actress who plays Martha Woodford in "The Archers" and she is most amusing and a talented speaker who can drop into broad dialect to tell a yarn, or use what she calls her "regional accent". She is also a prolific writer with several books to her credit. We were all fascinated by her account of auditions and the making of programmes, especially the recording of "The Archers", and of her experience with publishers. We could have listened all night and are grateful to this delightful lady for giving us a thoroughly memorable evening.

The competition was for an arrangement of spring flowers and our table did look festive with some lovely colourful arrangements. Mrs. Harris kindly judged for us and the first prize went to Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Gregory took second and third prizes.

This was also the evening of the moment of truth for those members who had taken part in the sponsored Slim-in. There were some success stories, but also a few red faces: some of us had actually gained weight! We shall know how much money was raised by this effort after the next meeting. Our next meeting will be on May 13th when the W.I. Resolutions for the A.G.M at the Albert Hall will be discussed under the guidance of the County Secretary.

Marianne Elsley

MOTHERS UNION

At the invitation of Adderbury Young Families Department eight of us spent a most enjoyable and interesting evening at the Christopher Rawlins School recently. The event was the Deanery Overseas Festival and the speaker was Mrs. Sheila Lane. Mrs. Lane, the Young Families Representative at the World Conference (in Brisbane) gave an amusing and lively account of her stay and showed slides to illustrate the talk. Afterwards there were refreshments and a bring and buy stall - all the proceeds going to the Mothers Union Overseas Fund as a gift from the Deanery.

On Thursday, 24th April at 8 p.m. we met at the Vicarage to hear Mrs. Phipps speak on the Mothers Union and the vast range of work that it undertakes including "Message home" a service set up to enable young people who have run away from home to send messages to their families. They also have groups who act as T.V. watchdogs and try to help any families under stress, especially those with only one parent or with handicapped children. It proved to be an enjoyable and most enlightening evening.

Forthcoming Events: Thursday 8th May at 12.45 - Ploughman's Lunch at the Holly Tree Club. Our guest will be Mrs. Frost, Health Visitor. Come along and join us.

Tuesday 20th May at 2.15 p.m. - Garden Party at Maunds Farmhouse - stalls and competitions. See you there!!

Maggie Rampley

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We were very pleased with our turn-out for the St. George's Day Parade in Banbury. We were very proud to be part of such a splendid gathering of young people from the Guide and Scout Movements. Everyone looked very smart and our two Colour parties - Rachel Burdon, Susie Fuller, Rosie Preedy, Ruth Broadbent, Claire Cheeseman and Karen Cheetham, were a credit to us.

We finished last term with an Easter Rabbit Hunt around the village - thanks to those who allowed us to use their homes and gardens as hiding places! I think they are still trying to work out what it was all about at the Health Centre! Strange creatures these Guiders!

Grateful thanks to Janet and Brian Bond for putting up with our invasion in the holidays when we all had a great time cooking our lunch of mince and vegetable pancakes, baked apples in foil and the inevitable bucket of pink instant whip! After plenty of fire-lighting practice and a good feed we ran it all off with some mad games.

Six of our four older Guides have just started a Firefighters course with six scouts. Thanks to Albert Humphries for giving up his time to give instruction. Karen Smith has gained her Homemaker badge and Juliet Bouverie her Toy Maker badge - well done. Six older Guides are also taking part in an activity camp at Heythrop this weekend. This is a joint Venture organised by Banbury Rangers and Venture Scouts. After about a month of near drought it has just started raining. Great for gardeners but not for campers!

Our first meeting this term took the form of a Patrol Leaders and Seconds Meeting and since then we have been preparing for our grant Pet Show. Don't forget to come on Saturday, 3rd May at 2 p.m. at the Scout Hut.

Maggie Rampley

DEDDINGTON LADIES

Our March meeting was held at the Holly Tree Club and the speaker was Mrs. Hannah, who talked on "Fostering". Everyone enjoyed it and we would like to thank Mrs. Hannah. Our April meeting was a talk and slides on "A Nurse's Experience in Jamaica" given by Mrs. June Stilgoe. It showed us how the poor and the better off live and we thank Mrs. Stilgoe for an enjoyable talk.

On May 7th our meeting will be a "Cheese and Wine Party" open to everyone - price 80p. Also on that evening there will be a Bookmark Party, a Tupperware Party and a Pandora Party.

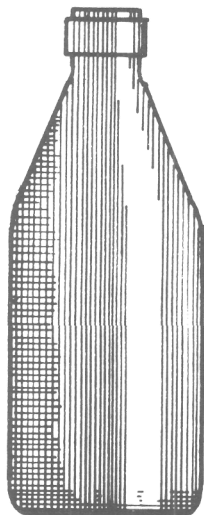
On May 24th there will be a Disco upstairs at the British Legion from 6 - 10.30p.m for 5-16 year olds. Soft drinks and crisps will be on sale, and the entrance fee will be 40p.

Our June meeting will be our outing to Sturdy's Castle Potato Pub, not the first Wednesday in the month, just for once this will be on the second Wednesday, June 11th. The list is already in the Post Office - please put down your name to avoid disappointment - this is always a popular outing.

Thank you to the Garrett family at the Post Office for having our lists and posters. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Holly Tree Club at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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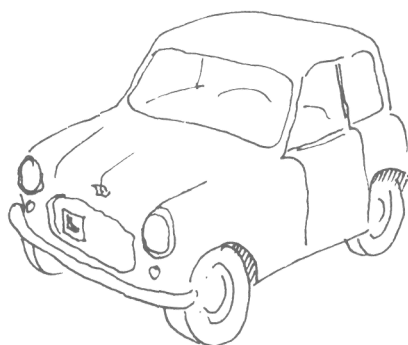
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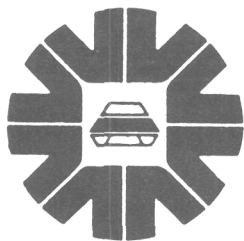
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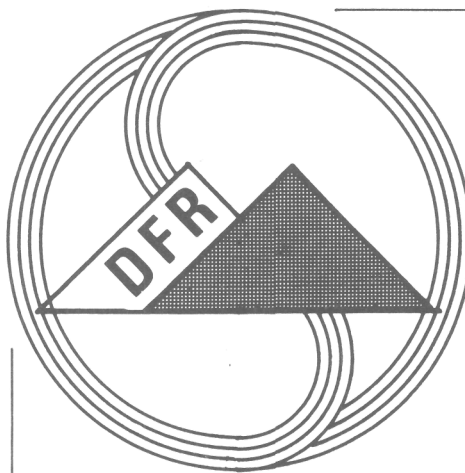
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What is this life if full of care,
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W.H. Davies

A friend of mine was standing and staring under a tree not far from Deddington last week, when he heard a great rustling above him and down from the tree from some ten feet above him fell a fox. It ran away none the worse for its adventure. You never know what you may see if you are quiet and observant. A little muntjac deer ran across this same friend's path a week or so before the fox incident. Muntjac deer are not natives of this country but escapees from a deerpark, probably Woburn, where they were introduced from Java in the last century. They are small and jump very high for their height, and are successful at living free in woods and parks of the Midlands and the Southern part of England.

Bishop and Mrs. Allen have been lucky in seeing the great spotted or pied woodpecker feeding on bacon fat put out for tits in their garden. Several other people have reported that they have had a visit from this bird in their gardens. There would appear to be quite a few about, although it may be the same one which enjoys food in the gardens of central Deddington.

Coltsfoot, that yellow dandelionlike flower is one of the first harbingers of Spring. The flowers appear on a stout, scaley, purplish stem very early and before its heart-shaped leaves appear. It has exceedingly long roots and is very difficult to get rid of if it gets a hold in the vegetable garden. But it flourishes best on waste ground. Early bees can be seen on a sunny day gathering pollen from the flowers. The Latin name for this flower is *Tussilago farfara*, *Tussis* is the Latin for a cough and cough medicine was made from this plant.

Pat Hannah

DIARY

April	5 - 12	Scouts job week
	5	Playgroup Market Stall 10-12 a.m.
	10	Guide cook-out 10.00 a.m.
	12	Scouts Shoeshine, Banbury 10.30 a.m.
	14	Playgroup Doorstep Course
	16	Mothers Union Deanery Overseas evening
	20	St. Georges Day Parade, St. Mary's Church, Banbury - Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies. Coach leaves Market Place at 1.30 p.m.
	23	Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.
	24	Talk on Mothers Union, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
	25 - 27	Scouts Adventure Camp
	26	Warriner Jumble Sale, Ex-Servicemen's Hall, Bloxham 2 p.m.
May	3	Guides Pet Show, Scout Hut, Hempton Road, 2 p.m.
	10	Hempton Residents Association Jumble Sale, Church Room, Hempton 2 p.m.
	12	Warriner Inter-School Quiz
June	14	Primary School Fete
	28	Warriner School Fete
	28	Army Open Day, Aldershot
July	5	Primary School P.T.A. Barn Dance Barford Village Hall

W.I.

Our March meeting was held on the 11th at the Holly Tree Club. We are pleased that our membership is on the up and up, and we nearly fill the Hall we use. We particularly like to see that our younger new members are willing to serve on the committee and take part in the activities of the group.

The March meeting is always our AGM so that a good deal of business has to be dealt with. New committee members are elected and we looked back over the last year and marvelled at all the things we had done and heard. Mrs. Powell retired from her office as President and she will be greatly missed as a generous hostess to the committee at all their meetings. Our new President is Mrs. Riley, and we hope she will enjoy her term of office.

We were lucky to have Mrs. Fonge as our speaker for the evening. Mrs. Fonge is well known locally as an expert on plants, and her subject was "House Plants". Most of us are house plant killers and we had a lot to learn, that for example plants like lots of light and hate being drowned by overwatering. Mrs. Fonge brought some very attractive bowls of mixed plants to show us and gave us new courage to try again. She then kindly judged the competition, "House Plants", and members had brought some really beautiful orchids and other treasures. First prize went to Mrs. Caporn, Mrs. Plumbe and Mrs. Saunders took second and third prize, all with orchids.

Our coffee morning and "Bring and Buy" was on Saturday, March 22nd. We thought it was a great success, and several members worked hard to collect and prepare for the morning, and serve coffee at the time. We made £65, and we believe that those people who came had an interesting time.

Our next meeting is on April 8th.

Marianne Elsley

Dear Editor: Since the Windscale Enquiry nearly two years ago, there has been an increasing public debate about NUCLEAR POWER, whether it is the only choice available and what risks it carries for our national economy and health.

As things stand now, the Government has announced a programme for a new series of nuclear power stations. So that we could become more informed about this intended decision and its consequences, if it goes ahead, I am getting some leaflets together. They will be available to anyone who writes to me.

The leaflets are published by an organisation called ECOROPA and deal with questions factually such as: "Is nuclear power the cheapest energy available?" "What happens when the oil runs out?" "Can Britain manage without a nuclear programme?" "Would jobs be affected if nuclear power was stopped?" "Can nuclear waste be safely dumped?"

John Scott, The Cottage, Philcote Street

DEDDINGTON WI

We had our February meeting on the 12th at the Holly Tree Club. 32 members and three visitors were present. As usual the business meeting preceeded our talk and several members were able to give reports on meetings and outings they had attended. I wonder how many people know of the vast variety of activities the WI arranges for its members. This can vary from proper educational courses lasting a week at the WI's own college, to day-time or evening lectures, exhibitions, group and quarterly meetings, competitions and outings. If one had the time it would be possible to be out several times a week attending these things.

Our speaker for the evening was Tamara Malcolm from the Chipping Norton Theatre. She was an actress with the Royal Shakespeare Company for two years and she told us about her experiences during that time. It seems that no actor in this country feels complete until he or she has "done time" with the RSC, and we were enthralled by her account of what went on behind the scenes of big theatres both in London and New York.

Mrs. Malcolm was kind enough to judge our competition, which suitably enough had a Valentine's motif: we were asked to bring heart-shaped objects, and were able to admire Valentine cards, glass and china hearts, and even a very attractive looking heart shaped cake. The first prize went to Mrs. Ivings with Mrs. Perree and Mrs. Smith taking second and third prizes.

You will soon be able to see WI ladies tripping sylph-like to meetings - we have started another sponsored Slim-In, and have great hopes of it.

The next meeting will be on March 11th, when Mrs. Fonge will talk about plants in the home, and please don't forget our coffee morning/Jumble Sale at the Holly Tree Club on Saturday, March 22nd at 10.30 a.m.

Marianne Elsley

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor, Bill Drake's jingle illustrates the quandary brought about by the inconsistency that is man.

Every year we religiously and solemnly mourn the dead of two world-wide conflicts, the flower of their generation who died in two wars to end all war, at the end of which we promised a land fit for returning heroes to live in.

Yet, hardly had the dust settled, so to speak, before we were at it again. All busy allying ourselves to one of two Super Powers with an inbuilt hostile antipathy to each other, occasioned by opposing political ideologies. A hostility which, augmented by their enormous stock-pile of frightful nuclear weapons, creates a potentially dangerous situation, especially when there are "hawks" on either side itching to get at that fatal button.

Such a situation leaves only one answer to the dilemma of asking, nay commanding, the youth of this generation to expend its adventurous spirit to shower utter devastation on a people they have never seen and do not know.

Keir Hardie, the once lone Labour member of Parliament, gave us that answer years ago - "Wars will cease when men refuse to fight and not before". A simple truth, brief in length, but how many decades must pass, how many "frights" must we endure, before the message finally gets through - if at all?

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